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Inventorship	Venkatesan et al.
Applicant	Microsoft Corporation
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Title: System and Method for Hashing Digital Images	

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

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